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## ALL FIGHTS OFF BUT THE BIG EVENT.

Dan Stuart Pays Forfeit to Each of the Other Pugilists.

And Even the Chances of Maher Meeting Fitz Are Considered Very Small.

The Australian Says Now He Will Run No Risks of Arrest by Mexican Authorities.

PETER MAY ENTER THE RING TO-DAY.

If He Is Wanted to Do So, in Order to Prove That He Is Not a Quitter, Contracts Broken All Round.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 16.—The expected conference in regard to postponement of the Maher-Fitzsimmons fight did not take place to-day. The train which brought "Buck" Connolly, Maher's friend and counselor, down from Las Cruces, was several hours late, and by the time "Buck" came to town every one was across the river looking at the bull fights. Under the circumstances, "Buck" thought it would be a good thing to take in the bovine battles himself, and he sat and seemed to relish the sport at a point directly across the way from Fitzsimmons. At the conclusion of the carnage, Connolly made for the Fitzsimmons residence. There he found Julian and asked him to come across to El Paso and talk over the situation.

"I am not holding any conferences this evening, and never intend to hold any," said Fitz's manager. "The last time we had a talk that was Friday. I told you I would give Maher until Monday to get into condition to fight. There has been a good deal said since then about it being impossible for Maher to be in the ring before Friday next, but I have not paid much attention to it. I have shut my eyes and ears to it, and will keep them shut until to-morrow. Then, when you report about Maher, I will let you know what we intend to do and whether we intend to claim forfeit for his non-appearance in the ring."

Julian spoke in a determined way and Connolly had to return to El Paso without having obtained from Fitzsimmons an inkling of what would be said or done to-morrow. Julian agrees to have the conference in the morning so that until that time the whole business remains at a standstill. "Maher's eyes are a great deal better," said Connolly, in answer to inquiries. "I am prepared right now to give a guarantee that he will be ready to step into the ring next Friday and I think I am also prepared to forestall any attempt Fitzsimmons may make to claim that \$1,000 for non-appearance."

"Maher will come down from Las Cruces in the morning, and if it comes to a pinch he will be ready to appear in the ring when the ring is shown to him. That will about make good all he has contracted to do under these articles of agreement. Making an appearance is one thing and making a fight is another."

From this it will be seen that there is a clash imminent. The word and act of both Fitzsimmons and Julian plainly tell that in the event of Maher not being in condition to fight to-morrow, they will ask for the forfeit. They know that the Maher people are building on the manner in which the words "appearance in the ring" are construed, and they (Fitz and Julian) are ready with their argument that when a

man contracts to appear he, according to pugilistic parlance, is binding himself to appear and fight.

No one supposed for a moment that Fitz wants to go to Maher in the latter's blind state. It will simply be a wrangle over the forfeit money, and no matter which way one looks at it there is trouble ahead.

In the first place, Stuart is not likely to convey the two fighters to the ring in which they are billed to appear unless satisfied that each of them is fit to fight. In the next place, even if Stuart did place them in the ring, Fitz will be in a quandary if blind Maher steps up and says, "I am here."

He may insist that Maher is not there to fight, and has consequently forfeited his money, but so doing he would give Maher a splendid opportunity for a gallery play, because Maher could say, "I can't see you, but I'll fight you. Smash away and see what the world will think of you." It is a highly interesting muddle.

FITZ THINKS THE FIGHT IS OFF. — Fitzsimmons and Julian were strolling along the streets of El Paso this afternoon dressed in their best. It is about the first time the New Zealander has been seen on this side without his sweater and road cap, and it was suggested that he considered himself through with his training togs for the present. The style of talk that the pugilist and his manager indulged in strongly strengthened the impression that they regarded the carnival as about over, but it is just possible that they were playing a part so as to be able to make a good, strong bluff in to-morrow's conferece.

"I don't think there will be any fight now," said Fitzsimmons. "To begin with, it looks to me as if the Maher gang don't mean it. They have been piping off my condition, and they know I am in great fetter, and that I'll lick him in no time if I only get a chance at him. They want to get out of it, and they want to save that forfeit money, but we'll let that part of it go till to-morrow."

"I only know that if I was keeping the fight back, no matter what it was for, they would hold me up. I've everything goes smoothly to-morrow and the fight is arranged some day during the week, I'll want to know just where the ring is to be pitched before we leave here."

MEXICANS MIGHT STOP THE SHOW. — Fitzsimmons then went on: "I don't believe a fight can be pulled off in Old Mexico if that's where it is to be, without those rascals over there getting on to it. Why, I've been showing tips for the fight that were bought by Mexicans living in Juarez, and I should not wonder if some of the Governor's spies over there have got tickets and are going to be at the ringside. That would be a nice thing, wouldn't it? It wouldn't want many of those Mexicans to break up the fight if they got close enough to it. I have also been told by good authority that President Diaz or some other big bug in the City of Mexico has permission from the United States authorities to follow the fight crowd as far into the United States as they like if they break the law of Mexico."

"That's another nice thing. What good would it do a fellow to lick Maher and be called the world's champion when the Mexicans could run all over the United States after him until they caught him. I tell you I don't want any Mexican prison in mine. The thought of those dirty blankets and the beans they give you make me shiver. But, as I said before, I don't believe the Maher crowd want to fight. They know it will be the last big fight and they think Peter has the best title to the championship because Corbett gave it to him and they will let it go at that."

The carnival management decided to-night to declare off all the fights on the programme except the Maher-Fitzsimmons affair.

Stuart will pay each of the men \$250 for forfeit money, or \$2,000 in all. He considers this preferable to having them fight for the purses, as the fight followers who came here to attend the carnival have returned to their homes.

Dan Stuart said to-night: "I am just like the rest of you, waiting to see what time will bring forth. I suppose there will be an interesting discussion when all the parties get together, but so far as I'm concerned, I can only repeat what I have often said before."

"When the men agree to meet I will show them where they can decide who is the better man. I have not lost faith in my ability to bring off this fight."

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## MRS. MARY E. LEASE FULFILLS HER VOW.

Returning Health Signalized by Delivering a Doctrinal Sermon.

While She Preached Her Husband Opened His Store and Did Business.

A Vast Multitude Thronged the Central Christian Church of Wichita to Hear the Sermon.

MANY UNABLE TO GAIN ADMISSION.

Her Discourse Was a Splendid Oratorical and Theological Effort on the Power of Christianity Over Dogma.

Some weeks ago Mrs. Mary E. Lease, who achieved much political notoriety by her vigorous campaign as candidate for Mayor of Wichita, Kan., fell dangerously ill. While on her sick bed she vowed that if she recovered she would signalize her return to health by preaching a pure, doctrinal sermon as the best public means of expressing her thankfulness. Yesterday she fulfilled that vow by delivering the following sermon:

Wichita, Kan., Feb. 16.—Mrs. Mary E. Lease made her debut as a minister of the Gospel at the Central Christian Church, of this city, to-day, and the multitude that came to hear her not only crowded the building, but extended out into the middle of the avenue. It was said that everybody there except the husband of the new preacher, who shocked the religiously inclined by opening his store on a main street during the sermon of his wife and proceeded to do business as if it were a week day. Among the attendants at church was a delegation of deaf mutes, who had the sermon interpreted to them.

Mrs. Lease took for her text the twenty-

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## NORTH POLE IS STILL FAR AWAY.

Latest News Makes the Truth of Nansen's Reported Triumph Seem Improbable.

Nothing Really Known at Archangel, Whence Confirmation Came.

The Explorer's Wife Cables to the Journal That She Has Heard Nothing from Him.

ST. PETERSBURG EQUALLY IGNORANT.

There Are Many Reasons Why Experts Do Not Take the Astounding Stories from Siberia Seriously.

The latest news would seem to discredit the report from St. Petersburg that Nansen, the Norwegian explorer, had been heard from after discovering the North Pole. The British Consul at Archangel, denies that he confirmed the news of Nansen's triumph. His cablegram is published in this issue of the Journal.

Later in the day a dispatch was received from the wife of the explorer. It read: To Hearst, Journal, New York:

The news, though exceedingly vague, is believed by some authorities to have some foundation; others are in doubt, because of the source from which originates. I have not the least conception of where the Fram can be now, or when it may be expected.

EVA NANSEN.

There is therefore nothing left but the original very vague rumor purporting to have come from the Ispravnik of the Kolyms.

It is possible that this officer might send information of Nansen's having arrived in his district, but he would most certainly

## NO WORD AT ARCHANGEL.

The British Consul at the Far Northern Port Cables the Journal a Denial of the Report That Nansen Has Been Heard of at That Point.

In response to a cablegram asking of news of Nansen, the explorer, the following answer was received from the British Consul at Archangel yesterday. It is very significant in view of the reported confirmation of the daring traveler's triumph received from that place. It shows conclusively that nothing is known there:

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To New York Journal N.Y.

No news here except what comes via Petersburg known to all.

British Consul

make an official report of so important an event to the Governor-General of Oriental Siberia, who lives at Irkutsk, and long before this time the fact would be known in St. Petersburg, and be put upon the wires there to the other European capitals.

## GREELY VERY SCEPTICAL.

Would Like to Believe the Report About Nansen Having Discovered the North Pole, but Does Not Think It Credible.

Washington, Feb. 16.—General A. W. Greely said to-night in regard to the story of Nansen's successful trip to the North Pole:

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## AN AMAZING SAFE ROBBERY.

Dennett's Park Row Restaurant the Scene of an Extraordinary Crime.

Five Safes Wrecked and Looted Between Midnight and 4:30 Sunday Afternoon.

Thousands Passed the Building Where the Men Were at Work, and Many Might Have Seen Them.

\$1,375 THE TOTAL OF THEIR BOOTY.

Religious Scruples Prevent the Presence of a Watchman and Gave the Burglars a Clear Field—Police Are All at Sea.

The most amazing burglary of the year occurred yesterday in the very heart of the busiest part of New York. Five safes were wrecked and robbed in a Park Row restaurant, past which hundreds of men pass daily in going to and from their work, and directly opposite the Post Office, which is always swarming with people, even at night and on Sundays. Electric lights constantly illuminate the ground floor, the windows of which occupy the entire store front and are never screened by curtains. There is probably no other street in New York where the burglars would have been so unlikely to go unobserved. They were not disturbed by either police or citizens, and they secured \$1,375.

The restaurant was that of A. W. Dennett, of No. 25 Park row. Mr. Dennett advertises the fact that he never opens any of his eleven places of business in this and other cities on Sunday. Mr. Dennett will not even employ a watchman between midnight Saturday and midnight Sunday. It was this scruple of Mr. Dennett's which made it easy for the burglars to do their work.

The entrance was effected between 12:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. yesterday by burglars who evidently have no regard whatever for Sunday observance. They worked at their leisure and were not disturbed by any one.

It is the only instance in New York where five safes in the same building being opened and rifled upon the self-same occasion, and that it was the work of masters of the burglar's art there is not the shadow of a doubt.

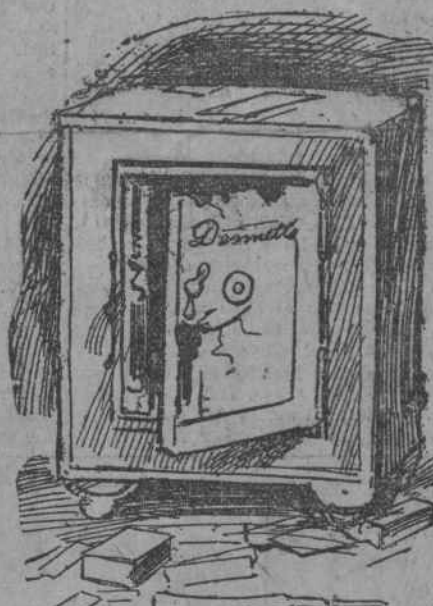
The Dennett building is a five-story brick structure entirely occupied by the Dennett Company. On the ground floor is the main restaurant. On the second floor is the ladies' restaurant. On the third floor are the general offices of the company. The next story is devoted to the dressing rooms of the young women waitresses and to linen rooms and other stores. On the top floor is a carpenter and paint shop and a general storage place for odds and ends.

FOUR SAFES ON ONE FLOOR.

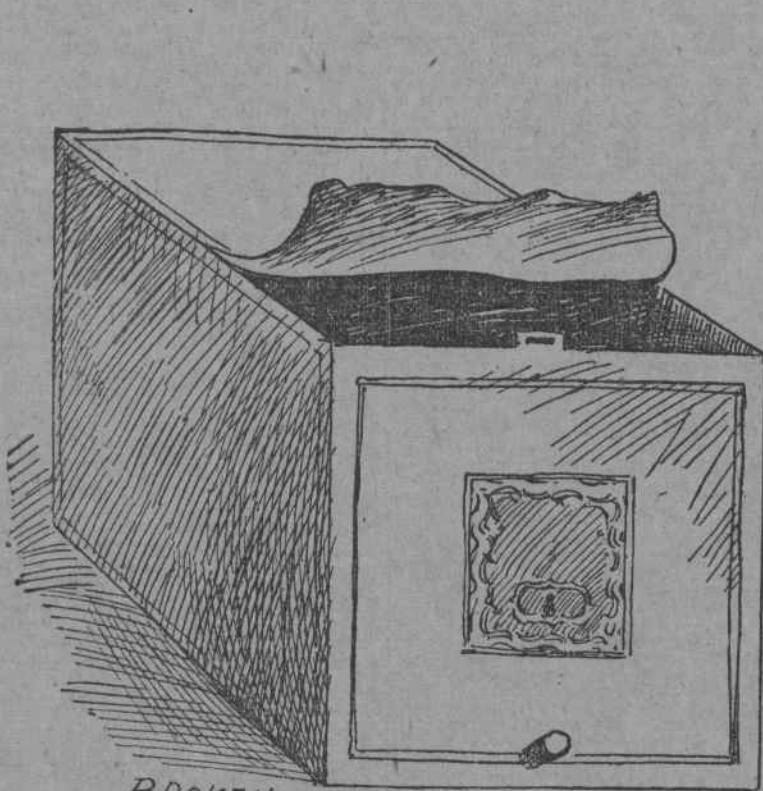
On the third floor are three safes in the general office and another small safe in the private office of S. S. Swain, general manager and treasurer. The three safes in the general office are the individual safes of A. W. Dennett and R. S. Van Dorn, general superintendent, and the safe for general business of the office. The safes, with the exception of Mr. Swain's, which is smaller, are forty-eight inches by thirty-two inches in dimension. They are fire proof, and people in the office fondly imagined them to be burglar proof.



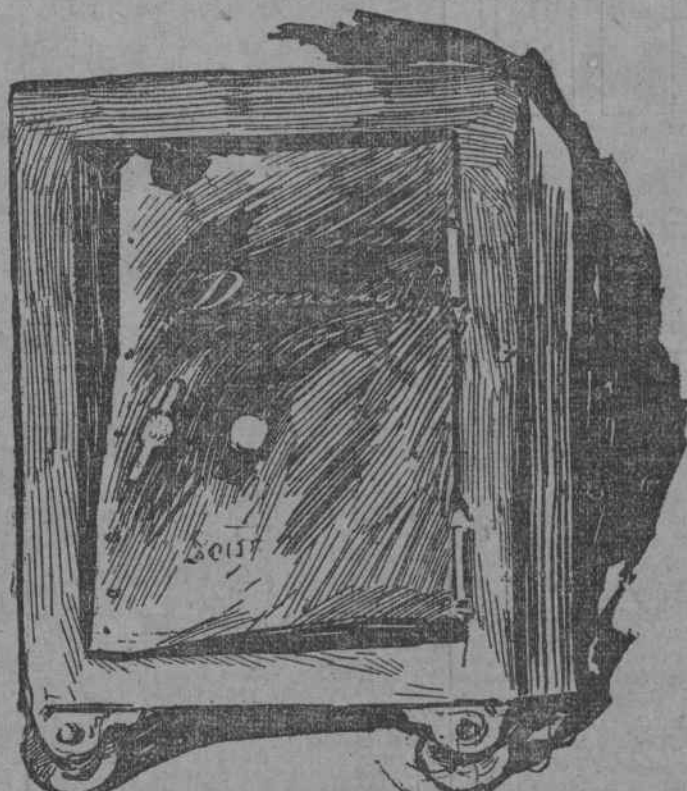
THE SAFE IN THE RESTAURANT.



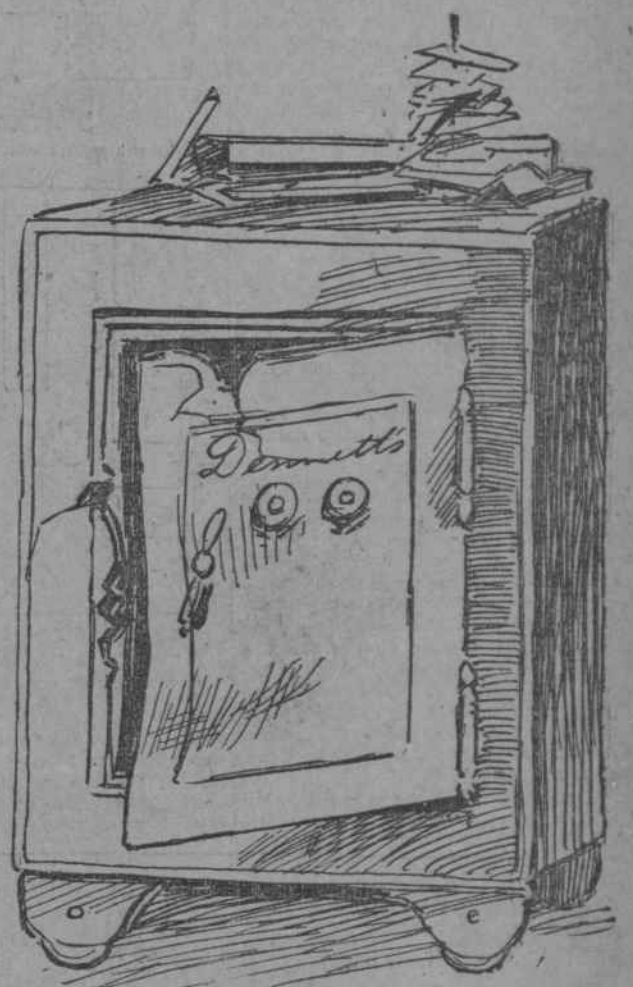
SAFE IN THE PRIVATE OFFICE.



BROKEN CASH BOX



THE THREE SAFES IN THE BUSINESS OFFICE



These Five Safes Were Completely Wrecked by Burglars, Who Secured \$1,375 Yesterday in Dennett's Restaurant Without the Use of Explosives